

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 8 through 11, 14 and 16 through 22.

Please add claims 31 through 35.

Please amend the claims to read as indicated herein.

1. (Currently amended): AThe weight scale of claim 31, further comprising:

a housing having a scale display window; and

a pad overlying at least a portion of said housing and having a pad display window corresponding in size and shape to said scale display window.

2. (Currently amended) The weight scale of claim 1, further comprising a control system having a controller and memory operatively connected to an input interface, and one or more output indicators, ~~and a display~~.

3. (Original) The weight scale of claim 1, wherein said housing is ergonomically configured and suitable for domestic use.

4-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The weight scale of claim 1, wherein said pad is formed of a material having elastic recovery characteristics.

7. (Original) The weight scale of claim 1, wherein said pad is formed from a viscoelastic material.

8-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) The weight scale of ~~claim 9~~claim 2, wherein said input interface is a tactile operator interface.

13. (Currently amended) The weight scale of ~~claim 9~~claim 2, wherein said input interface is selected from the group consisting of a remote control and a voice command system.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) The weight scale of ~~claim 9~~claim 2, wherein said one or more output indicators include a visual indicator, an audible indicator, and/or a tactile indicator.

16-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Currently amended) The weight scale of ~~claim 21~~claim 31, wherein said one or more sensors are positioned at least approximately directly above said one or more supports.

24. (Original) The weight scale of claim 23, wherein said one or more sensors and said one or more supports are operatively connected so that any movement of said one or more supports is measurable via said one or more sensors.

25. (Currently amended) A method of determining a user's weight comprising the steps of:

providing a scale with one or more sensors, one or more supports that are movable with respect to said scale, and a display;

activating said scale;

detecting at least a portion of said user's weight via said one or more sensors, wherein the user stands on said scale with said supports being movable with respect to said scale; and

displaying the sum of the weight detected by all of said one or more sensors or the total load on said scale,

wherein said one or more sensors and said one or more supports are operatively connected so that said relative movement of said one or more supports with respect to said scale may be measured via said one or more sensors.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein said step of activating said scale comprises tapping said scale at a predefined location.

28 (Original): A method of determining a user's weight comprising the steps of: providing a scale with a one or more sensors, one or more supports that are movable with respect to said scale, and one or more indicators operatively connected to said one or more sensors and/or said one or more supports; activating said scale; positioning a user on said scale; indicating to said user via said one or more indicators the user's relative position with respect to said one or more sensors and/or said one or more supports; re-positioning said user in accordance with said indicators; and measuring said user's weight.

29. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 27~~claim 28, wherein said scale has a display for displaying said user's measured weight.

30. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 27~~claim 28, wherein said step of activating said scale comprises tapping a predefined portion of said scale.

31. (New) A weight scale comprising:

one or more sensors for detecting at least a portion of a user's weight when the user stands on said scale;

one or more supports that are movable with respect to said scale; and

a display,

wherein said one or more sensors and said one or more supports are operatively connected so that said relative movement of said one or more supports with respect to said scale may be measured via said one or more sensors, and

wherein said weight scale displays, via said display, the sum of the weight detected by all of said one or more sensors or the total load on said scale.

32. (New) The weight scale of claim 31, wherein said scale is activated by tapping said scale at a predefined location.

33. (New) The weight scale of claim 31, further comprising one or more indicators operatively connected to said one or more sensors and/or said one or more supports.

34. (New) The weight scale of claim 33, wherein said indicators indicate to said user the user's relative position with respect to said one or more sensors and/or said one or more supports.

35. (New) The weight scale of claim 31, wherein said display displays said user's measured weight.